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PATENT

Docket No.: T6869S-040100US

Client Ref. No.: E639101 MT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Toshio TAKAHASHI et al.

Application No.: 10/024,962

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: LAPPING APPARATUS,
MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Examiner: Brian E. Miller

Art Unit: 2652

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2003, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group III (claims 17-26) drawn to a method of making a magnetic head.

Counsel further wishes to change the title of the invention to read:

Method of Manufacturing Magnetic Head

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone Robert C. Colwell at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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